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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Weapon and Space Systems Intelligence Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Chairman
SUBJECT : Participation of DOE Contract Employees
in WSSIC Proceedings ☐

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1. The Department of Energy representative to WSSIC has requested that contract employees of the Sandia, Los Alamos, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories be assigned as official members of 10 WSSIC subcommittees and working groups. He has based his request on the following:

- o Employees of these labs are considered by the Department of Energy as full-time Government employees.
- o A 16 March 1976 memorandum from then DCI, George Bush, which excluded personnel from these labs from contractor status for the purpose of dissemination of intelligence information (Attachment A).
- o Contract employees of the national laboratories have rendered and are now rendering valuable support throughout the Intelligence Community. In some cases, these employees have been fully integrated into Intelligence Community agencies.
- o Employees from these labs have participated during the past year on various subcommittees and working groups of DCI committees (STIC, TTIC). ☐

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2. One of the most important objectives of the WSSIC is the free and open exchange of both finished and unfinished intelligence. It is important to ensure that this free and open exchange is not impaired in any way. I, therefore, polled the member agencies of WSSIC on this issue. In all cases, no objectives were raised, nor were any problems in data dissemination envisioned. The only concern expressed was that the 1976 George Bush memorandum was being interpreted too broadly. [redacted]

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3. We are interpreting the George Bush memorandum as applicable in this case, and I have therefore decided to authorize the participation of the Department of Energy contractor personnel as regular members of the various WSSIC subcommittees and working groups. [redacted]

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Attachment:
As Stated

APPROVED:

See ER-3594/4 (attached)

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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